

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A dried pet food comprising a matrix ~~including~~ comprising a protein source, a carbohydrate source, insoluble fiber and having a length of at least 15 mm, a width of at least 13.5 mm, and a thickness of at least 12 mm.

Claim 2 (original): The dried pet food of Claim 1 wherein the protein source comprises denatured protein.

Claim 3 (original): The dried pet food of Claim 1 wherein the carbohydrate source comprises gelatinized carbohydrate.

Claim 4 (original): The dried pet food of Claim 1 wherein the insoluble fiber comprises approximately 2% to about 15% by weight of the matrix.

Claim 5 (original): The dried pet food of Claim 1 wherein the insoluble fiber is a cellulose fiber.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The dried pet food of Claim 1 wherein the product does not ~~include~~ comprise a humectant.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A dried pet food comprising a matrix ~~including~~ comprising a protein source, a carbohydrate source, an insoluble fiber and ~~having~~ comprising a density of less than 20.5 lbs/ft<sup>3</sup>.

Claim 8 (original): The dried pet food of Claim 7 wherein the protein source comprises denatured protein.



Claim 9 (original): The dried pet food of Claim 7 wherein the carbohydrate source comprises gelatinized carbohydrate.

Claim 10 (original): The dried pet food of Claim 7 wherein the insoluble fiber comprises approximately 2% to about 15% by weight of the matrix.

Claim 11 (original): The dried pet food of Claim 7 wherein the insoluble fiber is a cellulose fiber.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The dried pet food of Claim 7 wherein the product does not ~~include~~ comprise a humectant.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A dried pet food comprising a matrix ~~including~~ comprising a protein source, a carbohydrate source, insoluble fiber, a density of less than 20.5 lbs/ft<sup>3</sup> and ~~having~~ comprising a length of at least 15 mm, a width of at least 13.5 mm, and a thickness of at least 12 mm.

Claim 14 (original): The dried pet food of Claim 13 wherein the protein source comprises denatured protein.

Claim 15 (original): The dried pet food of Claim 13 wherein the carbohydrate source comprises gelatinized carbohydrate.

Claim 16 (original): The dried pet food of Claim 13 wherein the insoluble fiber comprises approximately 2% to about 15% by weight of the matrix.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The dried pet food of Claim 13 wherein the product does not ~~include~~ comprise a humectant.



Claim 18 (currently amended): A dried pet food comprising at least 25% by weight of a kibble ~~including~~comprising a matrix ~~having~~comprising a protein source, a carbohydrate source, insoluble fiber, and a density of less than 20.5 lbs/ft<sup>3</sup>.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The dried pet food of Claim 18 wherein the matrix ~~has~~comprises a length of at least 15 mm, a width of at least 13.5 mm, and a thickness of at least 12 mm.

Claim 20 (currently amended): A method of reducing calculus and plaque build-up on a pet's teeth comprising the step of ~~allowing the pet to chew on~~administering to a pet a dried pet food ~~having~~comprising a matrix ~~including~~comprising a protein source, a carbohydrate source, insoluble fiber, and ~~having~~comprising a density of less than 20.5 lbs/ft<sup>3</sup> wherein the pet chews the dried pet food.

Claim 21 (currently amended): A method according to claim 20 including the step of providing the pet food as a kibble ~~having~~comprising a shape selected from the group consisting of a triangle, a pentagon and a star.

Claim 22 (currently amended): A method according to claim 20 ~~or claim 21~~ ~~including~~comprising mixing the dried pet food with a wet pet food.

Claim 23 (original): A method according to claim 22 wherein the ratio of wet pet food to dry pet food is at least 50:50.

Claim 24 (currently amended): A dried pet food according to Claim 1 ~~having~~comprising a body in a shape chosen from the group consisting of a triangle, pentagon, and star.

Claim 25 (currently amended): A dried pet food according to Claim 1 ~~having~~comprising corn gluten meal as a protein source.



Claim 26 (currently amended): A dried pet food according to Claim 1 ~~having~~  
comprising a density of 18 lbs/ft<sup>3</sup> or less.

Claim 27 (currently amended): A dried pet food according to Claim 7 ~~having~~  
comprising a body in a shape chosen from the group consisting of a triangle, pentagon, and star.

Claim 28 (currently amended): A dried pet food according to Claim 7 ~~having~~  
comprising corn gluten meal as a protein source.

Claim 29 (currently amended): A dried pet food according to Claim 7 ~~having~~  
comprising a density of 18 lbs/ft<sup>3</sup> or less.

Claim 30 (currently amended): A dried pet food according to Claim 13 ~~having~~  
comprising a body in a shape chosen from the group consisting of a triangle, pentagon, and star.

Claim 31 (currently amended): A dried pet food according to Claim 13 ~~having~~  
comprising corn gluten meal as a protein source.

Claim 32 (currently amended): A dried pet food according to Claim 13 ~~having~~  
comprising a density of 18 lbs/ft<sup>3</sup> or less.

Claim 33 (currently amended): A dried pet food according to Claim 18 ~~having~~  
comprising a body in a shape chosen from the group consisting of a triangle, pentagon, and star.

Claim 34 (currently amended): A dried pet food according to Claim 18 ~~having~~  
comprising corn gluten meal as a protein source.

Claim 35 (currently amended): A dried pet food according to Claim 18 ~~having~~  
comprising a density of 18 lbs/ft<sup>3</sup> or less.